

Genesis Solar Wind Sample Curation

WHAT?

Bulk Solar Wind
High Speed
Low Speed
CME

HOW?

Passive collectors:

Silicon
Sapphire
Aluminum
Gold
Germanium
Diamond-like-carbon

WHY?

High Precision
Multiple Techniques
Regimes

WHERE?

Earth-Sun L1

WHEN?

Dec 2001 to
March 2004

***Concentrating
collectors:***

Silicon carbide
13C diamond
Diamond-like-carbon

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Last year's focus:

- Genesis ISO 4 cleanroom facility
- Outreach to heliophysics
- Celebration of success of our first virtual workshop

This year:

- History and evolution of collector characterization
- Collaboration with investigators on cleaning and cleanliness assessment of samples
- Usefulness of creating higher fidelity reference specimens

SAMPLES:

Total 4960

Characterized: 2856

Allocated: 736

2021 allocations 6

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Total 2000

Allocated 350

Status of collection

COLLECTOR CHARACTERIZATION TOOLS:

- High resolution optical imaging
- FT-IR
- Ellipsometry

What's new?

- FIB-TEM

SAMPLE CLEANING TOOLS:

- UPW,
- UV ozone



4/13/2022



Long history of collaboration for sample cleaning and cleanliness assessment

Don Burnett & Genesis Investigators –

- TXRF
- ToF-SIMS
- SIMS
- SEM
- Chemical cleaning
- CO2 snow
- Laser and ion beam cleaning
- Ion implantation
- SRIM modeling



60336 bulk SW silicon,
example

2/26/2007	UPW cleaned 5min @40C at JSC
5/14/2013	Imaged using DM6000M at JSC
7/31/2013	SEM analysis at PSI
8/1/2013	Imaged using DM6000M at JSC
8/6/2013	UPW cleaned and imaged at JSC
8/13/2013	Aqua regia and hot xylene at Caltech
9/12/2013	Imaged using DM6000M at JSC
9/16/2013	UPW cleaned and imaged at JSC
10/14/2013	ToF SIMS analysis at Smithsonian
10/21/2013	Optical imaging at Smithsonian
11/12/2013	Low-vacuum nanoSEM at Smithsonian
11/12/2014	Imaged using DM6000M at JSC
11/24/2014	10 min RCA1 cleaning at Dartmouth
12/2/2014	25 min RCA1 cleaning at Dartmouth
12/4/2014	Imaged using DM6000M at JSC
12/4/2014	UPW clean 5min, 40C at JSC
12/4/2014	Imaged using DM6000M at JSC
12/18/2014	ToF SIMS analysis at Smithsonian

Goreva et al, 2015, 46th LPSC #2333

Sample Characterization History – Pre-recovery plan for returned samples

Basic Characterization of Hexagons Solar wind regime

- Bulk
- Coronal mass ejection
- High speed
- Low speed

Collector Material

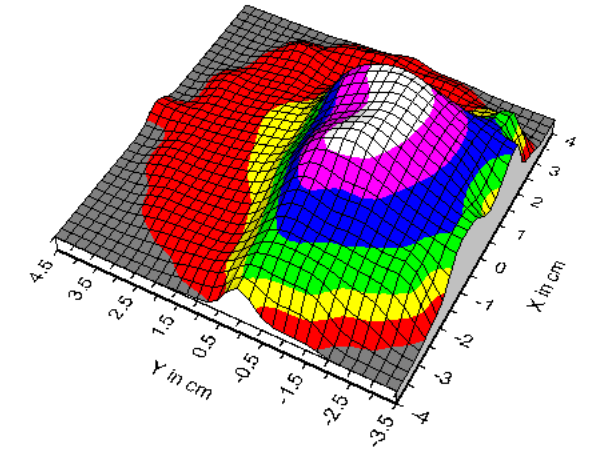
Manufacturer, batch, composition and purity. Identified by position in array.

Collector Cleanliness

- Optical inspection (impact craters, haze)
- Ellipsometry (molecular contaminants)

Layer Thickness

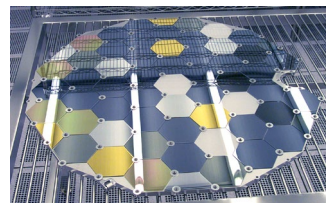
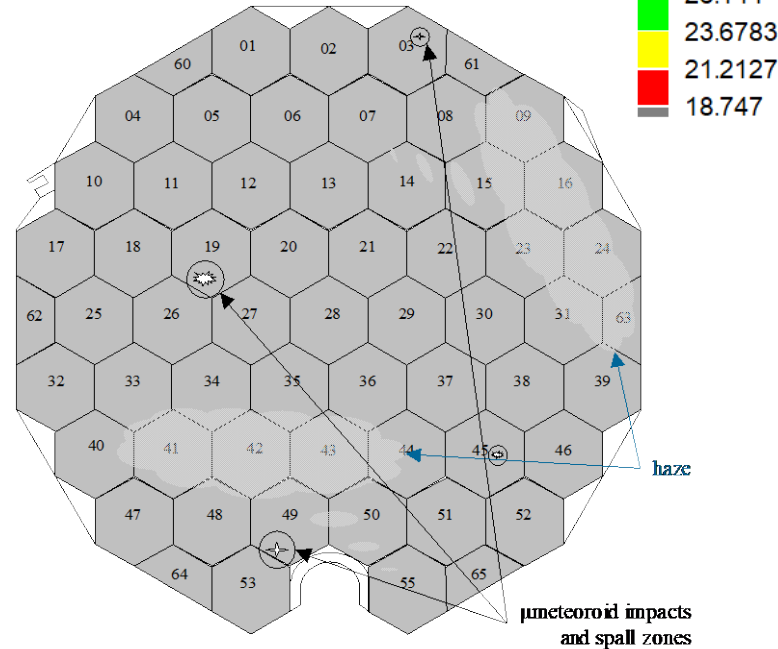
Mean = 24.121
Min = 18.747
Max = 33.541
Std Dev = 4.2545
Uniformity = 17.638 %



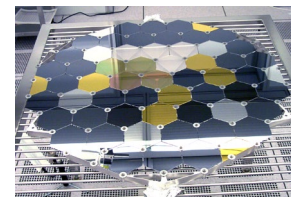
Mapping molecular contamination using ellipsometry.
Test wafer was half masked. Thickness in Angstroms.
J. A. Woollam Co.

Mapping array for impacts and haze.

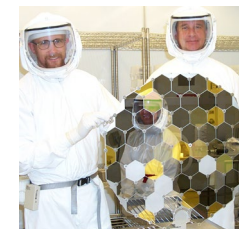
McNamara, 35th LPSC poster



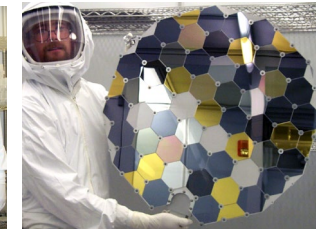
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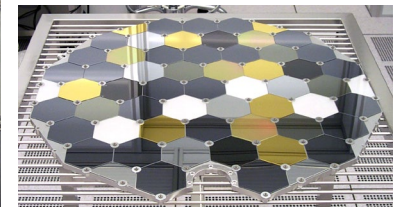
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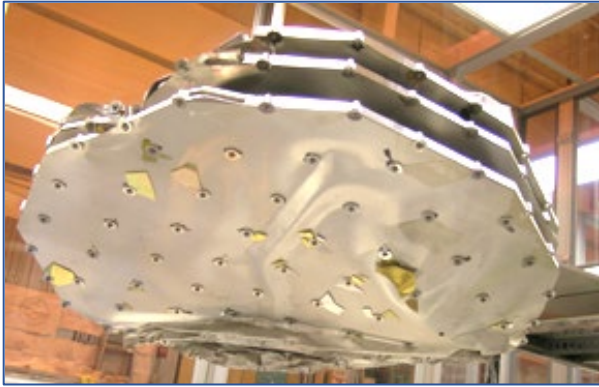
LOW SPEED



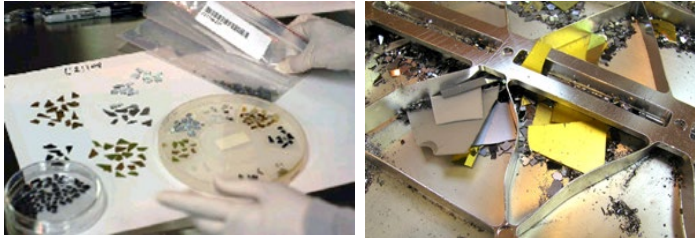
HIGH SPEED



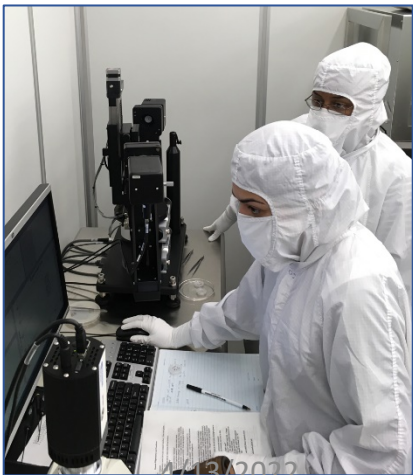
CME



Sample Characterization History – Post-recovery practice



Returned with >10,000 fragments. Most unassociated with array position.



Characterization of Fragments

Solar wind regime (by fragment thickness)

- Bulk
- Coronal mass ejection
- High speed
- Low speed

Collector Material Identification

- Visually, microscope
- FT-IR (type silicon)

Fragment Image & Description

- Size and shape
- Condition and visual cleanliness
- Handling history
 - UPW
 - UV ozone
 - Implanted

Sample Characterization Published

- 2700 Samples in catalog

Advanced Search Form

Enter one or more advanced search criteria:

Collector Type Wafer

Materials Sapphire

Regime Coronal Mass Ejection

Flags

- ☐ UPW Cleaned
- ☐ UV Ozone Cleaned
- ☐ Returned Sample
- ☐ Cleaning Matrix
- ☐ Solar Wind Consumed
- ☐ Implanted

Sort Options

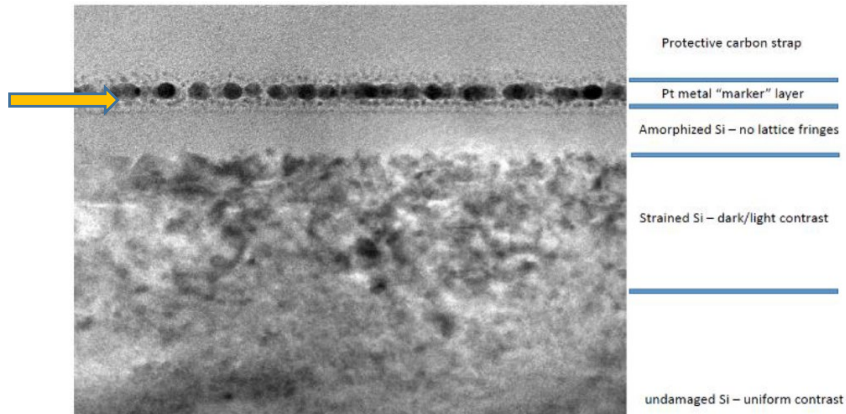
Sample Number ☒
 Sample Length ☐
 Sample Area ☐

Sample Availability ☐
 Material Condition ☐

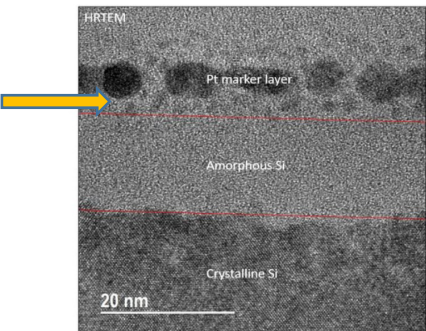
Sample No	Material	Regime	Length	Width	Area	Thin-Film Thickness	Material Condition	Availability
20608.0	SAP	Coronal Mass Ejection	39.216	23.989	592.260		Good	Available
30392.0	SAP	Coronal Mass Ejection	26.548	14.373	298.514		Good	Available

Sample Characterization – Evolving Trends

During analysis of Genesis-flown collectors, evidence that SW damage changed the solubility emerged. TEM cross-sections visualized the collector structural damage.



Bulk solar wind silicon 61202



Low speed solar wind silicon 20662
Allums et al (2020) 51st LPSC, #2768

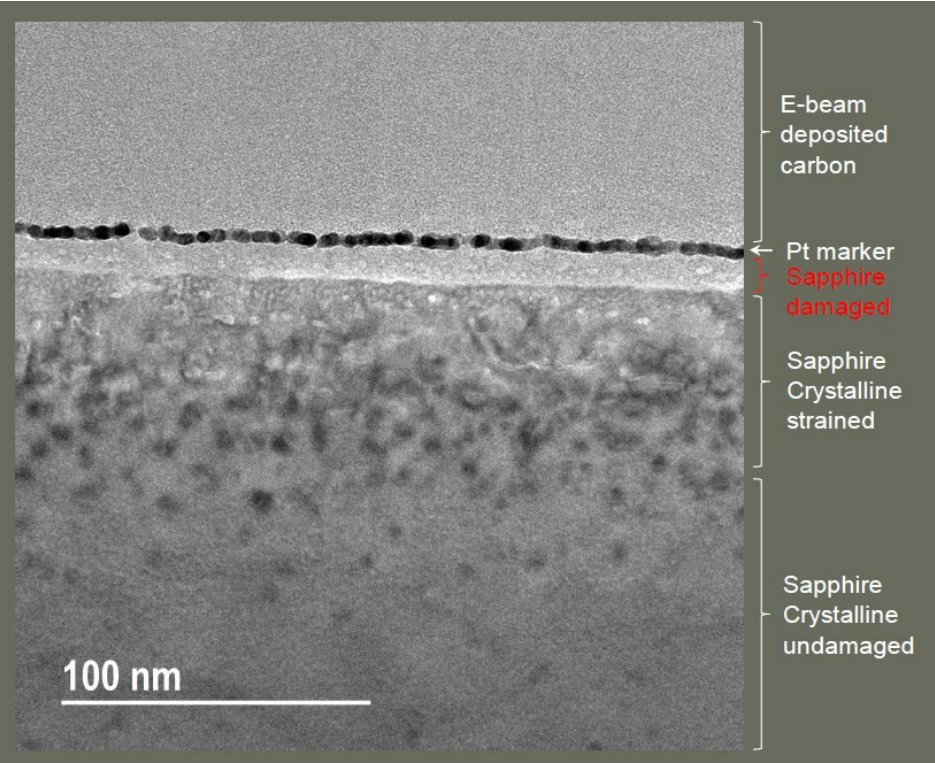
Lindsay Keller team to the rescue with FIB/TEM profiles showing **amorphization of silicon** in bulk solar wind and low speed solar wind samples.

Can we use the TEM profile data to develop a fast, non-destructive screening method for SW radiation damage?

Perhaps ellipsometry? Modeling to date on Genesis samples involve native oxide thickness, a-Si content, void content and surface damage layers, which can distinguish among the regimes, but is not consistent with the physical state seen in TEM cross-sections.

Sample Characterization – Evolving Trends

Also seen in sapphire! – upper 10 nm shows partial amorphization-high damage layer, and below crystalline sapphire is strained with vesicles.



Bulk solar wind sapphire sample 61527.
Keller, L. P. *et al.* (2022) LPSC #1196

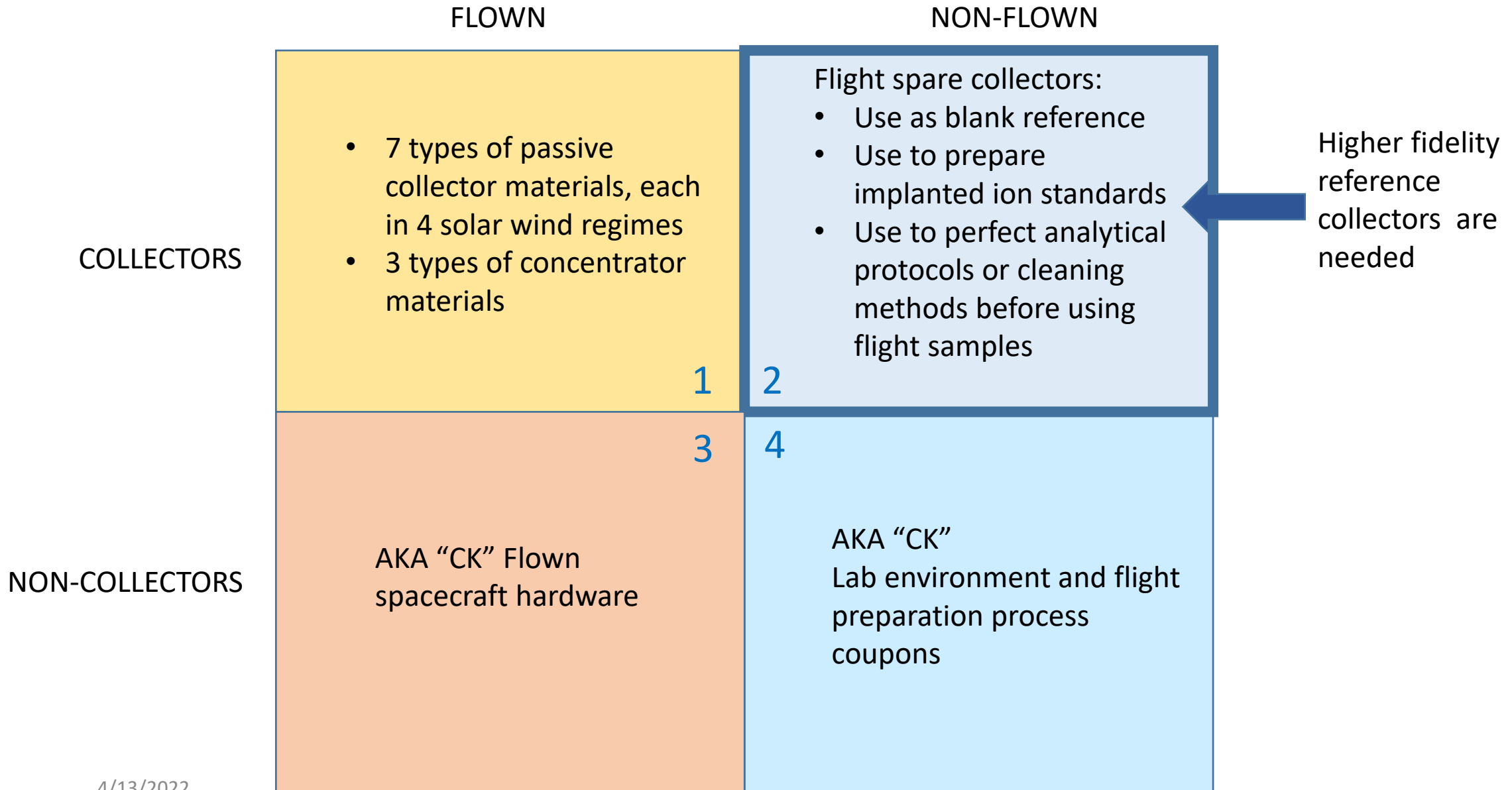
2018 Characterization Plan-

Acquire TEM cross-sections of all regimes in two materials silicon and sapphire for the purpose of developing a non-destructive ellipsometry screening process.

	Bulk SW	CME	High Speed	Low Speed
Silicon (CZ)	✓			✓
Sapphire	✓			

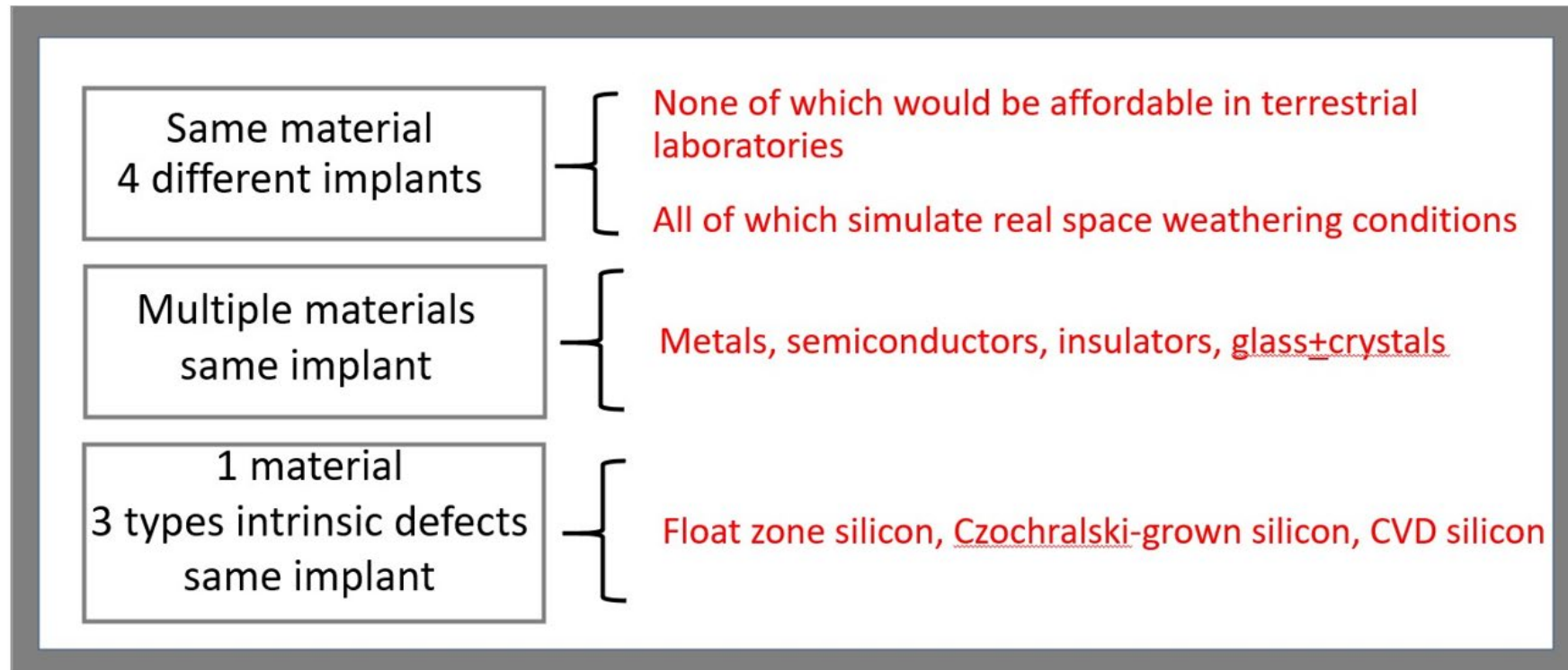
Past ellipsometry modeling of Genesis sapphire samples has focused on surface roughness. More data points are needed. Are other analytical tools available?

Genesis Solar Wind Collector Reference Materials



2022 – looking ahead

- **Genesis samples are unique**



Jurewicz *et al.* (2021) 52nd LPSC poster

2022 – looking ahead

- **Genesis samples are unique**
- **Accompanied by measured *in situ* solar wind from spacecraft**
- **Solar wind exposed materials behave differently than non-exposed reference materials**
- **Changes in structure can be visualized in TEM cross-sections**
- **Higher fidelity reference materials would enhance science value**

Thank you for your attention!